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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, TC, NL

SUBJECT: US COMPANY BUYS HALF OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH OIL CONCESSION

1. MANAGER OF VITOL, DUTCH HOLDERS OF OFFSHORE CONCESSION IN RAS AL-KHAIMAH, INFORMED EMBASSY THAT VITOL HAD SOLD HALF ITS INTEREST IN OFFSHORE EXPLORATION AND DRILLING RIGHTS IN RAS AL-KAHIMAH TO QUOTE WEEKS NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY OF WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT UNQUOTE.

2. THIS CONCESSION HAS BEEN HELD AND RELINQUISHED BY NUMEROUS US AND FOREIGN CONCESSIONAIRES WHO HAVE YET TO FIND COMMERCIALY EXPLOITABLE OIL. VITOL MANAGER IS OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, AND EXPECTS TO BEGIN DRILLING OPERATIONS AROUND APRIL 1975. TO THIS END THE WEEKS-VITOL ORGANIZATION HAS CONTRACTED WITH ROWAN INTERNATIONAL FOR DRILLING RIG, AND WITH MCDERMOTT COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE DRILLING PLAT-  
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FORM. MCDERMOTT HAS JUST PURCHASED 90-TON LIMA CRANE  
FOR \$300,000, SO IT WOULD APPEAR THAT NEW JOINT VENTURE  
IS SERIOUS ABOUT EXPLORATION.

3. WEEKS COMPANY UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY. REQUEST  
DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THIS ORGANIZATION.  
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